

In the specification

Please amend p. 4, lines 1-4 to read as follows:

B' The compounds are also useful in treating or preventing glycogen storage diseases and diseases such as cardiovascular diseases including atherosclerosis, myocardial ischemic injury, and diseases such as metabolic disorders such as hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia which are exacerbated by hyperinsulinemia and hyperglycemia.

Please amend p. 10, line 24 – p. 11, line 6, to read as follows:

B² The term "prodrug" as used herein refers to any compound that when administered to a biological system generates the "drug" substance (a biologically active compound) in one or more steps involving spontaneous chemical reaction(s), enzyme catalyzed chemical reaction(s), or both. Standard prodrugs are formed using groups attached to functionality, *e.g.* HO-, HS-, HOOC-, R₂N-, associated with the FBPase inhibitor, that cleave *in vivo*. Prodrugs for these groups are well known in the art and are often used to enhance oral bioavailability or other properties beneficial to the formulation, delivery, or activity of the drug. Standard prodrugs include but are not limited to carboxylate esters where the group is alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyloxyalkyl as well as esters of hydroxyl, thiol and amines where the group attached is an acyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, phosphate or sulfate. Standard prodrugs of phosphonic acids are also included and may be represented by R¹ in formula I. The groups illustrated are exemplary, not exhaustive, and one skilled in the art could prepare other known varieties of prodrugs. Such prodrugs of the compounds of formula I fall within the scope of the present invention. Prodrugs must undergo some form of a chemical transformation to produce the compound that is biologically active. In some cases, the prodrug is biologically active usually less than the drug itself, and serves to improve efficacy or safety through improved oral bioavailability, pharmacodynamic half-life, etc.

In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows: